



“For most of history man has had to fight nature to survive; in this century he is beginning to realize that, in order to survive he must protect it.”

~Jacques-Yves Cousteau





Mac & Renie Blades carry on their family's 100-year ranching tradition on the eastern slopes of Alberta's Rockies with their grandchildren.

Photo by Callum Gunn



“And I’ll guarantee you, if we let coal mining in our eastern slopes and remove our mountains, we’re not going to leave it better,” Renie Blades.

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Renie Blades believes a rancher’s duty is to leave the land ‘better than we receive it.’

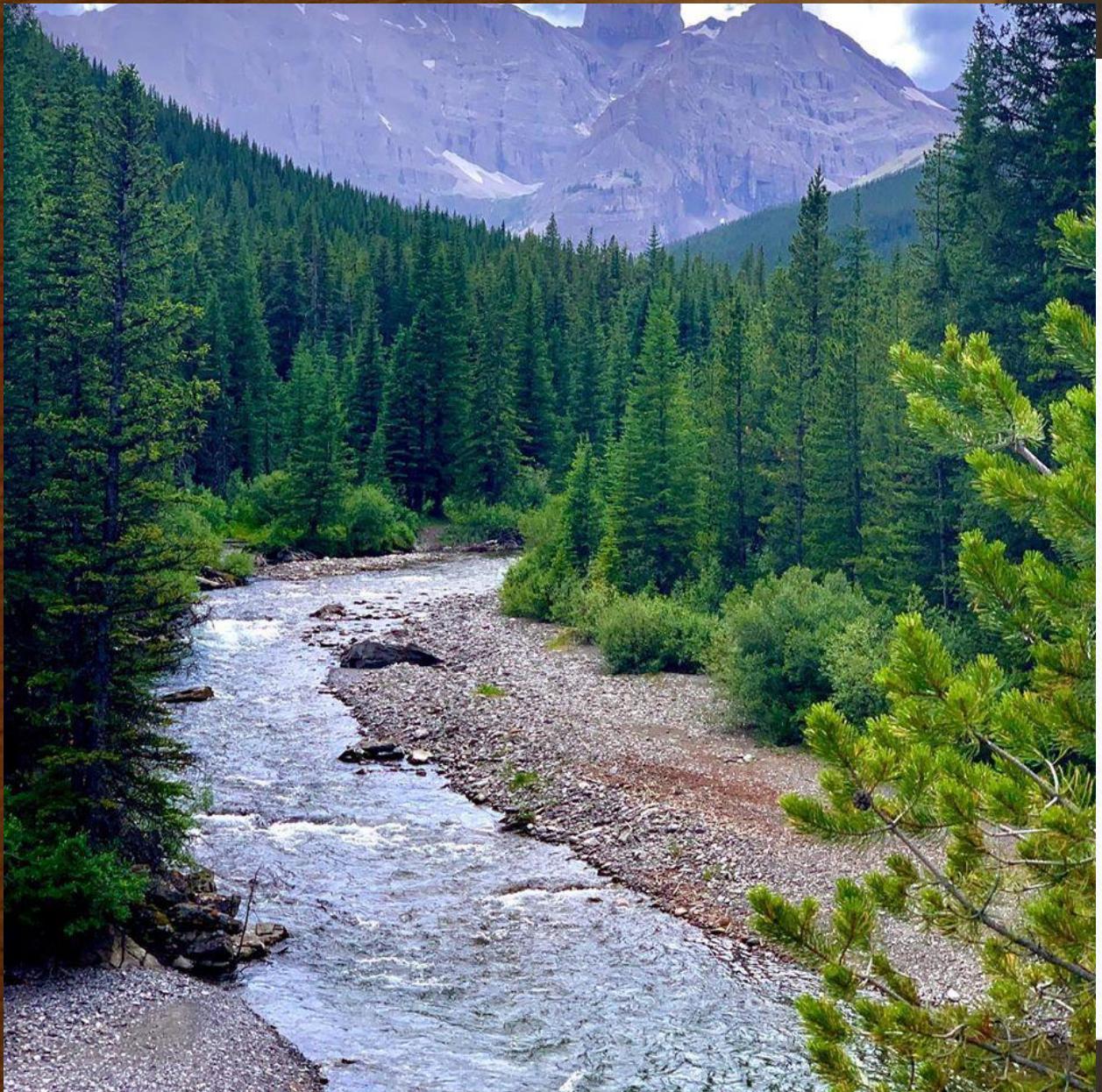




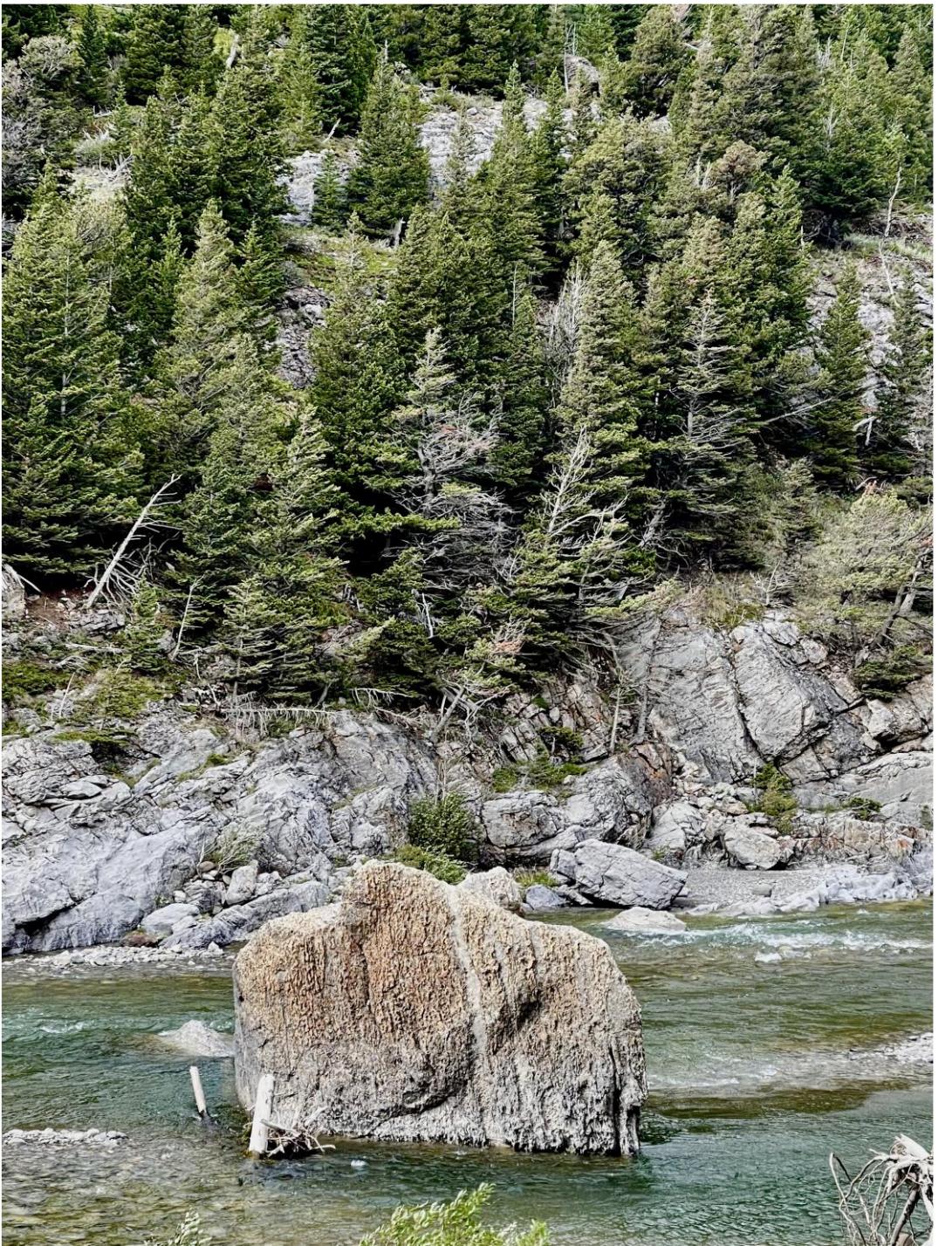
- On June 1, 2020 the AB government rescinded the visionary 1976 Lougheed Coal Policy that formerly protected the Province's clean water and its irreplaceable source – the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains – **without input or consultation with landowners and stakeholders or the general public.**

A photograph of two cowboys on horseback crossing a river. The cowboy on the left wears a white shirt and a light-colored cowboy hat, and is wearing a red vest over his shirt. The cowboy on the right wears a grey vest over a blue long-sleeved shirt. Both are wearing chaps and leather belts. Their horses are dark brown. The river flows through a valley with mountains in the background. The trees on the hillsides are showing autumn colors, with shades of yellow, orange, and green. The water of the river is clear and reflects the surrounding environment.

Risks & Liabilities



- 600,000 ha of our Province's headwaters are now vulnerable to coal development
- Oldman River watershed supplies water to 40 per cent of irrigated land in AB
- The watershed is already under tremendous pressure with declining flow rates and over-allocation & demand and unprecedented drought
- The water source for millions of people throughout Alberta/Canada







Coal development will threaten and create further loss of significant grazing and native grasslands. Less than 20% of grasslands remain in Western Canada.



Mandy Olsgard – Pekisko Commissioned Research
The Impacts to Human and Animal Health



Dr. Brad Stelfox – LLG Commissioned Research
Impacts to Water Quality and Quantity



We Need to Preserve & Protect The Last of These Vitally Important Landscapes & Watersheds.